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ORIENTED SINTERED SILICON CARBIDE
PRODUCT AND METHOD FOR
PREPARATION THEREOF

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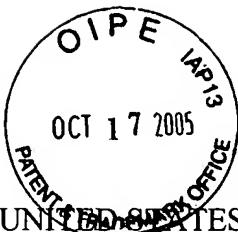
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Submitted herewith are copies of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 11, 2005, but for JP 2003-95748 which is a document in the category PA in the International Search Report and has little relevance of the subject matter presently claimed.

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